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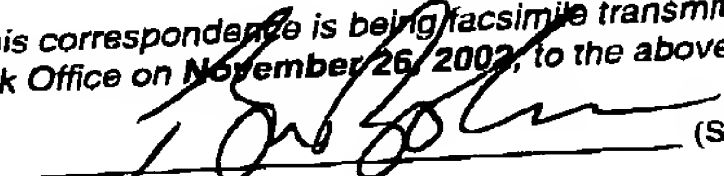
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RESPONSE TO NONFINAL REJECTION

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the August 27, 2002 Office Action in the above-entitled application, please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application.

Remarks

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is due.

Response to the Office Action

The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Dupuis

Claims 1-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dupuis (EP 684041). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Dupuis does not teach a hair care product comprising a hair shine agent consisting essentially of a mixture of a nonvolatile polysiloxane fluid having a refractive index of at least 1.46, and a nonvolatile spreading agent intermixed with the polysiloxane fluid; ethanol; water.

Dupuis teaches only a cosmetic composition comprising an insoluble conditioning agent, at least one water-soluble alcohol, and at least one polysiloxane-polyoxyalkylene linear block copolymer.

Dupuis does not even consider a hair care composition for the purpose of increasing hair shine, style retention, and refreshment without drying the scalp. Specifically, Dupuis does not teach a hair care product comprising a hair shine agent with a nonvolatile polysiloxane fluid having a refractive index of at least 1.46 for the purpose of increasing hair shine. Also, Dupuis does not indicate that a nonvolatile polysiloxane fluid having a refractive index of at least 1.46 coupled with a nonvolatile spreading agent would increase hair shine, as required by Applicants' claim 1. Thus, the present invention is not anticipated by Dupuis.

Further, Dupuis does not teach a spray product having at least 40% of spray droplets with a particle size of at least 100 microns as required by Applicants' claim 1. Applicants have surprisingly discovered that smaller spray particles do not sufficiently penetrate throughout the entire depth of the hair and consequently suffer from insufficient distribution in order for the composition to provide the desired levels of performance. Applicants have unexpectedly discovered that the hair shine agent of the present invention, in the form of a spray product with larger particle size, enhances shine, improves clean hair feel, increases scalp refreshment, and reduces scalp drying. Thus, the present invention is not anticipated by the Dupuis reference.

The present claims are also not obvious in view of Dupuis. Dupuis does not teach or suggest all of Applicants' claim limitations, as required by MPEP 2143.03. The present invention teaches a hair care product comprising a hair shine agent consisting essentially of a mixture of a nonvolatile polysiloxane fluid having a refractive index of at least 1.46, and a nonvolatile spreading agent intermixed with the polysiloxane fluid; ethanol; water. Thus, the present invention requires that the hair shine agent contain a nonvolatile polysiloxane fluid having a refractive index of at least 1.46. Dupuis teaches a cosmetic composition comprising a nonvolatile silicone but makes no suggestion that the nonvolatile silicone could be used as a hair shine agent at a critical refractive index.

Further, Dupuis does not teach or suggest a spray product having at least 40% of spray droplets with a particle size of at least 100 microns as required by Applicants' claim 1. As discussed above, Applicants have surprisingly discovered that the hair shine agent of the present invention, in the form of a spray product with larger particle size, enhances

shine, improves clean hair feel, increases scalp refreshment, and reduces scalp drying. Dupuis does not teach or suggest a hair care product comprising a nonvolatile polysiloxane fluid having a refractive index of at least 1.46, wherein the spray product form has at least 40% of spray droplets with a particle size of at least 100 microns, as required by Applicants' claim 1. Thus, a *prima facie* case of obviousness does not exist, as Dupuis fails to teach or suggest all of Applicants' claim limitations.

Conclusion

Applicants have made an earnest effort to distinguish the invention as now claimed from the applied references. WHEREFORE, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and allowance of Claims 1-29.

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